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Description: One item - Seal missing. - Transferred in December 2007 from the "Slavery Papers" collection of the Rare Book & Manuscript Library; this item had been purchased on the Bancroft Fund (unknown date or source) but in or before 1952, the date stamped on the card of the card catalogue.

Notes:-Sealed sur double queue, parchment tag through a single slit, seal impression missing.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 2

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Language: Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 13th

Part 1: One item, face & dorse

Description: - Parchment - 64 x 163 mm

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XIII$^{1/4}$

Searchable Date Range: 1200 - 1225

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: Yes

Number of Scribes:

Notes: Not dated; Prof. Nicholas Vincent suggests a date ca. 1220-1230 because of the format of the witness clause, "Hiis testibus domino . . . " which includes a title, and because of known facts about Alan of Orton and William (Specer), rector of Kingswinford. Another English document, also without expressed date (but equally datable to this same time range), is Plimpton MS 274. Latin

Acknowledgments: - We are grateful to Prof. Nicholas Vincent for his dating and identification of the document.

Number of Texts: 1

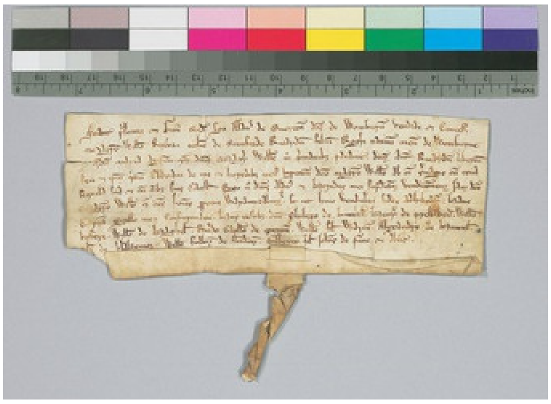
Text 1: Face

Title: Sale of a serf

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Notification by Alan of Orton ("Overton," in Wombourn, Staffordshire), lord of Wombourn, of his sale to Master William rector of the church of Kingswinford ("Suinforde," in Staffordshire) of Richard fitz Roger, his serf at Wombourn for one mark of silver.

Notes: Witnesses are Sir Philip de Lutterel, Henry de Prestwod, William Byffere, Wiliam de Haghel, Richard chaplain of Comton, William son of Warren, Alexander de Humel, Thomas de Blakemore, William Fullon of Suindon, Gilbert son of John de Penne, "et aliis."



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